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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO PARTICIPATE IN DOD SPONSORED TRAINING OR CONFERENCES ON JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 20 AND JANUARY 5 -JULY 30, 2009

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11. (SBU) The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of January 6, 2009, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the officers listed below:

Name: Ernest Nkili

Rank: Major

Position: Director of Operations

Unit/Organization: EMGFA DOB: November 7, 1963 POB: Minvoul, Gabon

Name: Jean Claude Obame Taty
Rank: Lt. Colonel - Gabon Military Health Service Position: Director of Logistical Organizations

Unit/Organization: Military Health Unit DOB: February 27, 1961 POB: Ndjole, Gabon

Name: Guy Romuald Oyouba Kounassi Rank: LTJG

Position: Embarked Personnel - Executive officer (personnel

working onboard ships)

Unit/Organization: Gabonese Navy DOB: September 13, 1978

POB: Franceville, Gabon

12. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties:

The Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the officers identified in paragraph 1 above, as of January 6, 2009.

13. (U) If in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. BURNS